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C. & O. CHANGES

Changes on the Chesapeake & Ohio, following its return to private control, which have been discussed by President G. W. Stephens and other officials of the road while on their present trip of inspection to Kentucky stations on the line, probably will go into effect April 14.

The through passenger train to Washington, which has been leaving Louisville at 3:50 o'clock in the afternoon, and Mt. Sterling at 7:40, will leave Louisville under the new schedule at 6 o'clock and Mt. Sterling at 9:45, the old-time schedule for this train previous to the war. The New York train which has been leaving Louisville in the morning at 8 o'clock, will leave under the new schedule at 9, leaving Mt. Sterling at 12:45.

The afternoon train will carry an extra Pullman for accommodation of passengers to Richmond, Va.

A combination buffet and parlor car will be put on between Ashland and Pikeville, connecting with main line trains at Ashland. Later through Pullman cars will be operated between Ashland, Ky., and Spartansburg, S. C.

THE PUBLIC TO PAY HIGHER PRICES FOR COAL

President Wilson has withdrawn government control of the price of bituminous coal so that the 27 per cent. wage advance for miners recommended by the majority of the coal strike settlement commission may be absorbed in the price the consumer will pay after April 1. The commission estimated this wage advance at \$200,000,000 a year.

At the same time the President made public the majority and minority reports of the commission and wrote the operators and miners asking that they reach an agreement on the basis of the majority report alone as speedily as possible so that the uncertainty regarding the fuel situation might be removed.

TWO MORE GOOD WELLS

The Fleisher Petroleum Company has received news of the completion of two good wells on its acreage in the Osage section of Oklahoma. One of these is No. 5 on tract 74, which is reported to be good for 100 barrels, while the other is No. 6, on the same tract, which is credited with 500 barrels. No. 7 on the same tract, is expected in Friday. W. J. Fleisher, president of the company, is now in Oklahoma supervising the development work, but is expected to return to Kentucky within the next few days.

BUILDING

W. H. Blevins has begun the erection of a handsome two-story residence on Samuels avenue, and when completed Mr. Blevins and family will move to the place to live.

Another Menefee Still Raided and Captured

Was Only About Two Miles From the Ballard Still, Which Was Captured About Two Weeks Ago

D. F. Spencer, alleged moonshiner, who was captured several days ago by Officers G. L. Hannen, Neale Guilfoile and H. M. Samuels, was brought for examining trial before U. S. Commissioner W. H. Wood here today on a charge of violating the federal prohibition laws. The still, claimed to have been owned and operated by Spencer, was located on the east fork of Slate Creek in Menefee county, only two miles from the Ballard still, which was captured three or four weeks ago. The still was destroyed by the officers with exception of the copper coil, which was exhibited in court today. Spencer waived examining trial and is held under \$2,500 bond to appear before Judge Cochran in Richmond Federal Court April 26. He will be held here until Saturday and then, unless he is able to give bond will be held in the Richmond jail until the case comes to trial.

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UNITED CLOTHING STORES.

CUT IN RETAIL SHOE PRICES

Prices of standard shoes will be reduced during the spring and summer, John J. Slater, president of the Retail Shoe Dealers' Association, announced in a conference with Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator. Retailers at a recent meeting decided to be content with a smaller margin of profit, Mr. Slater said. Reductions, however, will not apply to "all kinds of fancy and ultra-fashionable footwear."

The action of the retail shoe dealers, Mr. Williams said, probably pre-empted the beginning of a general narrowing down of profit margins in other wearing apparel.

DIES IN WASHINGTON

News has been received in this city announcing the death of J. P. Marshall at his home in Washington City. Mr. Marshall formerly taught school in this city at the old building where Prof. Savage taught for so many years, and is well remembered and highly esteemed by a number of our older citizens. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son, Mrs. W. P. Dale, of Lexington; Mrs. L. W. Caswell, Mrs. G. W. Blankenship and C. P. Marshall, all of Washington. He was widely related in this and Bath county and had many friends who will be grieved to learn of his death.

The Midland Trail Committee Reports

BY T. W. ADAMS

Montgomery, Bath, Rowan And Carter to Get a Hustle

At the recent meeting of the Kentucky Midland Trail Association held in Ashland, a committee was appointed by Vice President Rodman Wiley, for the purpose of ascertaining the exact situation in those counties that had not yet arranged for construction under the provision of the state and federal aid laws. Editor B. F. Forgy, of the Ashland Independent, was made chairman of that committee, and the writer was named as one of the members. Mr. Forgy made one trip to Frankfort in the interest of this project, and later the writer took the matter up with State Highway Commissioner Boggs, and interviewed citizens and officials in Grayson and Olive Hill, in Carter County, in Morehead, in Rowan county, in Mt. Sterling in Montgomery county, where he also conferred with representatives of Bath county, and in Winchester in Clark county.

Editor Robbins of Winchester Scores

Spread the news far and wide that Clark county has gone over the top. Editor C. C. Robbins, of the Winchester Sun, has waged a militant fight for the construction of the Clark county section of the Midland Trail for over a year. Backed by the business men of Winchester, he has put up one of the most vigorous good roads campaigns ever waged, and when things seemed to be moving too slowly he has hesitated not to sound the tocsins, to slash right and left, call mass meetings—and have them held, too—and now the specifications are drawn and contractors have been invited to bid. Clark will build, forthwith.

That carries the Midland Trail construction all provided for, slam up to the Montgomery county line. As yet Montgomery has not taken any steps to qualify for the state and federal aid. Neither has Bath. The writer has been invited to co-operate with good roads advocates in those counties in conducting such a campaign as was so successful in the counties of the Big Sandy in which the counties of Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd and Pike voted bond issues of a total of \$1,500,000 and qualified for approximately \$4,500,000 of state and federal aid funds.

Montgomery and Bath Are to Get in Line

The sentiments in both Montgomery and Bath counties is strong for immediate construction of the Midland Trail, and once the issue is put squarely up to the people of those two counties there is every reason to believe they will fall in line with their sister counties and provide for building their respective mileage of this great Trans-continental highway, which means so much for the development, upbuilding and prosperity of all this section.

Rowan Has Need For Speedy Action

The situation in Rowan is highly encouraging. Already the section between Morehead and the Bath county line is under construction. But as yet no provision has been made for the section between Morehead and the Carter county line—and Rowan must move quickly in order to qualify for the state and federal aid now available for this latter section. She must move before the federal aid is exhausted for other federal aid prospects in different parts of the state. Show us what to do, and you folks of Boyd and the other counties help us with your co-operation and we will cut it through, say the people of Rowan.

Carter Has a Problem But Is Game to the Core

And now we move on to Carter county. From Kilgore on the Boyd county line, construction is under way to Grayson. Contracts for construction from Grayson to Olive Hill are drawn, being temporarily held up

to arrange for some technical requirements of federal authorities. There yet remains for Carter to qualify for state and federal aid for the section from Olive Hill to the Rowan and Carter line. And Carter is anxious to arrange for this last connecting link. County Prospector Tom Yates and others of Grayson, are keen for it. So is Representative J. B. Dennes, of Olive Hill.

Mass Meeting at Grayson Suggested

It has been suggested that a great mass meeting be held at Grayson, attended by whacking big delegations from Boyd and all the counties clear through to Jefferson. The Grayson folks take mighty kindly to the suggestion and say, Come, by all means.

And so that matter is being considered. Carter really has considerable to do yet. When the Olive Hill-Rowan line stretch is arranged for, there is yet to be provided the surfacing of the entire mileage through the county, the provisions thus far made taking care only of the grading and drainage. But Carter county proposes that the surfacing shall be done. Nevertheless the thing must be pressed, and there is yet mighty work to be done by all good roads advocates in this section.

Grasp This Opportunity and Grow Big and Prosperous

The completion of the Midland Trail sections in the counties named above will sew up all of Kentucky's mileage. The business interests of Boyd, of Clark, of Fayette, of Jefferson, should be as keenly concerned about completing construction in the counties named as in their own.

The Midland Trail is only a very alluring red line on a map for these latter counties until the breaks have been filled in and filled in they must be.

To delay is to court the possibility of the selection of another route when the federal authorities get into action under the provisions of the new national highway bill, backed by the biggest combined business interests of the country and regarded as sure to become a law in the near future.

Viewed from a Trans-continental perspective this particular route does not enjoy a monopoly of advantages. This is of course a little disconcerting, but it is nevertheless an actual condition to be taken into serious consideration. Once construction is provided for it becomes certainty and takes its place as an actual and integral part of the great Midland Trail. Its construction practically guarantees that it will be taken over by the federal, highway commission, and maintained in perpetuity by the federal government. Moreover, when that is done, the federal government will, as provided for in pending legislation, reimburse each county by constructing new highways of equal grade of construction and equivalent mileage. What a splendid opportunity for all these counties. And if they act promptly, if they get in now, they can have these splendid roads, hard surfaced, all the year round roads constructed with one half of the cost provided for by the federal government, and divide the cost of the other half with the state government.

They can do that or they can continue to pay their share of the state and federal taxation from which the federal and state aid funds are derived and see that money used for the building of good roads, all-the-year-round roads in other sections.

FARMER INJURED WHEN RUN OVER BY TEAM

Mr. Nat B. Young, Sr., was badly hurt Tuesday at his home near Somerset when he was knocked down and run over by a team of young mules which were being broken to harness by a tenant on the place. Mr. Young was severely bruised and shaken up by the accident, but fortunately no bones were broken. The injured man was removed to his home and his physician summoned. He will be confined to his bed for several days, but is resting well today.

Paul, Young Son of E. R. Little, Kidnapped

Big Ransom Demanded and it is Reported Same Will Be Paid by Father

Paul Little, 11-year-old son of E. R. Little, of Lexington, formerly of this city, was kidnapped from in front of the postoffice in Lexington about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At about 7:30 o'clock last night a message was delivered to Mr. Little stating the boy was being held for a ransom of \$25,000, which it is reported, will be paid by the father without question.

The story of the kidnapping from the best information obtainable is as follows:

Paul met the stranger about 1:30 o'clock in front of Hamilton College on North Broadway and was offered \$1 to carry a box of candy from the postoffice to a house on North Broadway. He is a student in the preparatory department of Hamilton College. He told several playmates of the arrangement and was playing marbles in the front yard of his home with them about 4 o'clock when the kidnapper walked by and called him. They walked to the postoffice, followed at a safe distance by the other boys, who had grown suspicious.

At the postoffice the boys went inside and watched from the window. Paul and the man were standing on the front steps. He offered each of them 25 cents to go to 640 East Main street and bring some clothes that he said were in a tailor shop he owned at that address. The boys refused and went back inside the postoffice building.

During a time when they were not looking out the window, not over two minutes, according to Frazee Wilson, the man and Paul disappeared. A hurried search of surrounding streets failed to locate them and they returned home.

The kidnapper is described as being about thirty years old, six feet tall and dressed in a checked brown and white or black and white suit, with old tan shoes and a cap worn over one ear. He has light brown hair of medium length, sunken grey or blue eyes, and a drooping mouth. He wore a pair of badly fitting yellow goggles with tortoise shell rims. The boys state that he was apparently not accustomed to them as he replaced them and moved them continuously with his hand.

A bundle wrapped in a newspaper was carried under one arm. It seemed to contain something soft, possibly clothing, the boys said. At 3 o'clock he stopped in front of the Postal Telegraph Company's office, on East Main street, and offered Clarence

Hines, a messenger boy, 60 cents to carry a letter to Mr. Little's home at 7:30 o'clock. He gave careful instructions that it was not to be delivered until 7:30 o'clock and paid the money. At a few minutes before 4 o'clock he returned and said that it was not necessary to make the delivery and requested the return of the letter. It was given him and he left hurriedly.

An hour later he came back again, bringing the same letter, which he turned over to the messenger boy and told him to deliver it at the hour previously specified. It was this letter that contained the ransom demanded.

Mr. and Mrs. Little were away from home all afternoon and it was not until the supper time that they missed Paul. The letter of explanation arrived at 7:30 o'clock.

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UNITED CLOTHING STORES.

LECTURE

Dr. F. W. Eberhardt, of Georgetown, lectured in the auditorium of the Baptist church, this city, Tuesday under the auspices of the Tuesday Club. Dr. Eberhardt chose "Hamlet" as his subject and his lecture is considered one of the finest ever heard in this city. The Tuesday Club invited the other Clubs and the general public to share with them the pleasure of hearing Dr. Eberhardt.

GOES TO CLARK CO. NATIONAL

Dyke Duty has resigned his position with the Traders National Bank in this city and will leave April 1st for Winchester, where he has accepted a more lucrative position with the Clark County National Bank. Mr. Duty is a very capable and obliging young man and will be a splendid acquisition to the Clark county institution.

WORK BEGUN

E. L. William has begun tearing down the part of the building on Main street opposite the postoffice, which is to be converted into a modern store-room and apartment house. When completed the store will be occupied by the grocery of H. B. Ringo. It is understood the structure will be modern in every detail.

A. B. OLDHAM, JR., IMPROVED

Friends of A. B. Oldham, Jr., who has been so ill of pneumonia at the Good Samaritan Hospital, will be pleased to learn of his improved condition. He is now able to sit up an hour or two each day and it is thought will be well enough to return to his home some time next week.

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